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Department of Health & Human Services
12420 Parklawn Drive
Room 1-23
Rockville, MD 20857


Re: Docket No. 98P-0203/CP

Dear FDA:

I am writing to urge you to grant the petition filed under Docket No. 98P-0203/CP to ban forced molting. The deliberate starvation of any animal, whether for human consumption or not, is cruel and inhumane and should not be supported by this administration. Additionally, it has been shown that forced molting results in the increased spread of salmonella infections by increasing the likelihood that hens will lay contaminated eggs.

Thank you for your proper consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


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